Territories where the provisions of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 on Panchayats are applicable have passed necessary State Legislations and have initiated necessary steps to implement them. Elections to Panchayat Raj Institutions have also been completed in almost all the States/UTs except Bihar, Goa (at Zilla Parishad level), Lakshadweep and Pondicherry. The Ministry has already requested these States/UTs Govt's to complete the action immediately.

[English]

Merger of Visakhapatnam Port

5677. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Visakhapatnam dock labour board and Visakhapatnam port trust are being merged;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) its likely repercussions on other doc labour boards ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Bridge in Delhi with Japan Collaboration

5678. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :
SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of Nizamuddin bridge which is being constructed in Delhi with Indo-Japan, collaboretion;

(b) by when the contruction of this bridge is likely to be completed; and

(c) the estimated cost likely to be incurred thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Work on all foundations has been completed, substructure and superstructure work is in progress. Overall progress is about 60%.

(b) March, 1998.

(c) Rs. 106.84 crores.

Amount for Rural Development Scheme

5679. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount provided by the Union Government to the State Governments for Intensive Employment Scheme and National Rural Employment Programme, separately;

(b) the amount provided to the Government of Madhya Pradesh during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98, year-wise and the detail in this regard;

(c) the details of works for which the said amount is being utilised by the State Government;

(d) whether the said amount was fully utilised by all the State Governments; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The amount provided by the Union Government to the State Governments for Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) may please be seen in the attached Statement I & II respectively. The Scheme of National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) was merged into JRY w.e.f. 1.4.1989.

(b) The amount provided to the Government of Madhya Pradesh during 1995-96, 1996-97 & 1997-98 for EAS & JRY may please be seen in the attached statement-III.

(c) The State Governments utilise funds given for EAS & JRY for the works as mentioned in the attached statement-IV.

(d) The funds utilised by the State Governments during 1996-97 may please be seen in the attached statement I & II.

(e) The employment under EAS is to be provided during the lean agricultural season which does not coincide with financial year in every district. EAS is a continuing scheme, i.e., the district can apply for next instalment of EAS funds after utilising fifty percent of the available funds. Therefore, the States/Districts is not expected to fully utilise the finds given in a particular year. Under JRY 25% of the allocated funds in a financial year are permitted to be carried over to the next financial year. Carried over funds are utilised in the next financial year.